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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (March 8-15, 2009)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the March 8-15, 2009, no security official was injured or killed. The total number of security force casualties for the year through March 15, was zero killed and zero injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, one PKK terrorist was killed in clashes in Nusaybin, Mardin Province on March 12. Two PKKers were captured, one in Mardin and a second in Idil, Sirnak Province. According to official TGS website figures, through the second week of March, the number of PKK militants killed this year was one, the number of those captured was 10, and the number of those who surrendered was 17.

¶4. (U) During the reporting period no civilian died or was injured. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the second week of March, was zero killed and five wounded.

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